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SUBJECT: SAMSUNG SHIPYARD PROJECT

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1. EMBASSY WISHES THANK COMMERCE FOR ITS EFFORTS AND
PROMPT REPORT THEREOF IN CONNECTION SAMSUNG SHIPYARD PROJECT.

2. AS SHIPBUILDING IS NEW TO SAMSUNG GROUP, LEE AT MINIMUM
WISHES DO BUSINESS WITH BUT PREFERS TO ESTABLISH JOINT VENTURE
WITH FOREIGN FIRM EXPERIENCED IN SHIPBUILDING RATHER THAN
WORK WITH ONE ABLE OFFER ONLY YARD DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
SERVICES. WE UNDERSTAND, ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO CONFIRM, THAT
SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS ALONG THIS LINE WERE HELD WITH ISHIKAWA-
JIMA-HARIMA (IHI) OF JAPAN. SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT KAISER
ENGINEERING COMPANY WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO EMPHASIZE KAISER'S
ABILITY DRAW ON NASSCO IN EITHER JOINT VENTURE OR TURNKEY
CONTRACT.

3. RALPH M. PARSONS (ROTE AND FUTTRUP) MET WITH LEE IN
SEOUL AND INVITED HIM CALL ON LOS ANGELES OFFICE,
WITH POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF VISIT TO PASCAGOULA SHIPYARD ALSO.
UNLESS CERTAIN THAT LEE IS NOT INTERESTED IN PARSONS,
COMMERCE MAY WISH ADVISE THEM OF HIS AVAILABILITY ON
WEST COAST.
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